

REMARKS

New parent claim 13 is directed to delivering a message between a mobile sender and a mobile recipient. The mobile sender is provided with a portable data collection terminal having an electro-optical reader and a wireless transceiver.

By contrast, the terminals 140, 150, 160 of U.S. Patent No. 6,226,668 to Silverman are not portable terminals, do not have electro-optical readers, and do not have wireless transceivers. At best, the terminals 140, 150, 160 are communication devices (col. 2, lines 3-5) operative for placing a call over a network. If the call is answered, the network completes the call. If the call is not answered, then the web messaging device 110 prompts the calling party to leave a message (col. 3, lines -15) for subsequent delivery.

The Examiner relied on U.S. Patent No. 5,786,748 to Nikolic which teaches the use of a bar code reader and the transmission of a page upon delivery of a package or envelope to a recipient. Yet, as described at, for example, col. 2, lines 10-13 of Nikolic, the page is transmitted to the "mailing party", i.e., the sender of the package. By contrast, applicant's pager is directed to paging the "recipient" that a message is available for delivery. Nikolic's sender has no portable terminal, no electro-optical reader, and no wireless transceiver.

Even if Silverman and Nikolic were combined as proposed by the Examiner, there is still no mobile sender provided with a portable data collection terminal for collecting data to compile a message that contains a) an identifier for uniquely identifying the terminal, b) information captured by an electro-optical reader, and c) a destination specified by the sender.

Allowance of claims 13-20 is respectfully requested.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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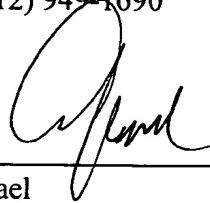
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